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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 11, 2002

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, the applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the third month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the Office Action of September 11, 2001. A credit card payment in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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